

Special Help for Youth in Transition - SSI Work Incentives

1619A allows working people with disabilities to keep an SSI check and Medicaid when working and earning above the SGA amount of \$740 per month but below the “break-even point”. SSI is reduced as income increases.

1619B allows working people with disabilities to keep Medicaid when working and earning above \$740 per month and above the individual’s “break-even point” (varies by state)

Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE): Allows the recipient to deduct from earnings from a job the cost of certain services needed to work (for calculation of SSI cash benefit). Included are:

- Attendant care (needed for work preparation and work)
- Medications, supplies and equipment
- Work adaptations and equipment and special transportation

Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS): Allows an individual with disabilities to exclude income and/or resources that SSA otherwise would count when determining SSI eligibility. Approved PASS (by SSA) plans can be used to set money aside to pay for employment-related services, equipment, and supports; job development, job placement services, vocational evaluations, job coaching; basic living skills, personal care assistance, transportation costs/savings to purchase vehicle, books, tuition, assistive technology, etc.

A videotape on the PASS program can be viewed at:

www.mchbhrtw.org/ssawork

Medicaid Buy-in (Ticket to Work and Workforce Improvement Act “TWWIA”)

- Section 4733 of the Balanced Budget Act allows states the option to offer Medicaid buy-in for working individuals with disabilities whose income exceeds the SSI 1619 limits.
- Income can go up to 250% of federal poverty level
- Phase-in through 2004
- KY is not yet participating



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